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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
November 10, 2009**

Present: Commissioners Lythgoe, Weber and Kirsch; Tara Mastel, JLDC; Jeremiah Theys, Great West Engineering; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor/Jefferson County Courier*; Noel Mathis, County Health Department; Eddie Smith

MINUTES

Commissioner Weber moved to approve the minutes of October 6. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Weber moved to approve the minutes of October 20. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Weber moved to approve the minutes of October 27. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Commissioner Weber noted the receipt of the October expense and revenue reports from the Clerk and Recorder.

Commissioner Weber noted the receipt of a records destruction report from the Clerk and Recorder's office.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Weber noted the receipt of an invitation from Yellowstone County regarding the WIR conference that will be held in Billings in May. They are also requesting a sponsorship of \$250 to \$500. This will be added to a future agenda for a decision.

Commissioner Weber noted the receipt of an easement agreement to facilitate getting a power line to the Clancy Solid Waste site.

Commissioner Weber moved to sign the easement. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

CALENDAR REVIEW

11/10 DUI Task Force - 6:00
Solid Waste board - 6:00
11/11 Holiday - County offices closed
11/12 Tri-Co Fire - Helena - 9:00
Elkhorn Working Group - Helena - 2:00
Weed Board - 6:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

SAFETY MEETING

Commissioner Weber reported that he attended the Solid Waste safety meeting on Wednesday morning. They also discussed some items that relate to the budget, so that the employees could have a better understanding of how the budget works. Carolyn gave a presentation from the safety committee.

4-H

Commissioner Weber reported that on Thursday, the Commissioners met with Andrea Sarchet to discuss 4-H in the Boulder area and eventually building a 4-H presence at the Boulder fair. There are adult volunteers willing to help with this.

LEADERSHIP MONTANA

Commissioner Weber reported that on Thursday, he was at the Whitehall High School and interviewed some juniors for the Leadership Montana program. They are asking questions of juniors in high school and college questions that pertain to their future plans as far as staying in Montana or leaving and issues or opportunities that Montana has growth in the future from their perspective.

BIO-MASS

Commissioner Weber reported that the previous day he was in Whitehall at the Extension office meeting with a group that wants to pursue bio-mass electricity generation, steam heat, utilization of bio-mass for those types of projects. They want to research the Golden Sunlight site and the industrial park as possible sites.

CANVASS

Commissioner Weber reported that the Board of Commissioners met with the Clerk and Recorder and canvassed the city elections the previous day.

MADISON COUNTY SUBDIVISION

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Tuesday he met with people in Whitehall regarding a large subdivision proposed just across the county line in Madison County. There was a conversation regarding their concerns about a road leading to the subdivision. They feel that the subdivision will have a large impact on the Town of Whitehall – roads, schools, and emergency services.

SENATOR TESTER

Commissioner Kirsch reported that on Wednesday, he met with Senator Tester's representative, Pam Haxby-Cote, in Whitehall. They discussed many topics. A hot topic of discussion with those in attendance is the MSTI line. There were also concerns expressed over the perceived lack of action by the Forest Service and the increased fire danger due to that.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

SIGN HOUSE BILL 645 HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR RESTORATION OF BUILDING 5 ON THE SOUTH CAMPUS

Tara Mastel, JLDC, stated that this application is for a \$250,000 grant for renovations to building 5 on the south campus. The grant requires a match of \$47,000 from JLDC, so they will have almost \$300,000 for this project. The money will be used to shore up the building so that no further decay occurs.

Commissioner Weber moved to have Commissioner Lythgoe sign the grant application for the historic preservation grant under HB 645. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

SIGN LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE HOUSE BILL 645 HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION

Commissioner Weber read the letter of support (on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office).

Commissioner Kirsch moved to sign the letter of support. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Kirsch moved to appoint Joan VanDuynhoven to the DUI Task Force. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Kirsch moved to appoint Kathy Dyer to the DUI Task Force. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

JEREMIAH THEYS – GREAT WEST ENGINEERING – UPDATE OF TSEP PROJECTS

Jeremiah Theys, Great West Engineering, stated that the Commissioners have the documents needed to move forward with the current projects.

Jeremiah reviewed projects for the next phase – Quaintance Lane and two on Hanson Lane. The county crews will be installing steel arch culverts to replace these three bridges. All three should be replaced by next spring.

Jefferson County also has planning grant money to review the bridges again in preparation of applying for a grant in 2010.

Commissioner Weber asked if the list of bridges, the inventory that was done prior to the first grant, remains valid or if that needs to be reviewed again. Jeremiah stated that the list remains valid and there is a list of priorities. Based on new information and inspections, the list may need to be reprioritized.

Commissioner Weber asked if the planning grant funds have a time line of how often the priority list is redone. Jeremiah stated that they expect to see updates to the CIP, so based on the list the county can identify “X” number of bridges that they want to upgrade or replace.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adjourn Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

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